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BETWEEN-SEASON DULLNESS ON PRAIRIE HAY MARKET; SUPPLIES AND DEMAND LIGHT.

Kansas City Market

Seasonal dullness continued to prevail on the Kansas City Prairie Hay market during the week ending May 6, according to the Agricultural Marketing Service. Open market receipts of five cars were augmented by a few carryover lots and supplies were about equal to the demand. Shipping orders again accounted for the bulk of sales, although local retailers took moderate amounts. In addition to open market offerings, a few car and trucklots moved direct to retailers and feeding interests. Receipts of hay on the Kansas City market for April, 1940, totaled 51 cars, and included 18 cars of prairie. Receipts for March were 83 cars, 22 of which were prairie. Total receipts for the month of April a year ago, were 93 cars, including 46 cars of prairie. Remaining supplies of prairie in adjacent producing areas were reported by the trade to be the smallest in several years. Sales on the open market during the week were No. 2, 2 cars, $7.50; 1 car, $8.25; No. 3, 2 cars, $7.00.

Interior Producing Point Markets

Hay movement from the southeastern Kansas district the past week, consisted of scattered truck loads of prairie to the vicinity of Kansas City, Missouri and Atchison, Kansas. Inquiry was the lightest of any week during the crop year, as green feeds became more plentiful. Cattle were starting to move into the blue-stem area, where practically all of the larger pastures had been leased. Grass, although short, was making a good growth, with ample supplies of moisture and higher temperatures. Supplies of pond water for livestock were much better in that area.

Meadows and pastures were greening up in Oklahoma, and a few fields of alfalfa will soon be ready to cut. Movement of cattle into the Osage district, have reached considerable volume.

Current quotations at Kansas City, basis U. S. Standards, are as follows:

UPLAND PRAIRIE
(Per ton)

No. 1 $8.00-8.50	No. 3 $5.50-7.00
No. 2 7.50-8.00	Sample 4.00-5.50

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